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## BUSINESS LEAGUE

Great Success of a Business Organization

### WASHINGTON COMPLIMENTED

UNANIMOUSLY RE-ELECTED PRESIDENT.

The Election of the Officers and Resolutions Adopted.

Little Rock, Ark., Aug. 19. President Roosevelt, in his triumphal tour of the Old World, did not receive a greater ovation than Dr. Booker T. Washington is receiving by all classes of citizens in this city. The entire city is decorated, and everywhere you go the photo of Booker T. Washington is suspended upon the walls, facades, parks, and in the windows of dwelling houses and stores. Everywhere may be seen these words: "Booker T. Washington Day." On the arrival of the president at Little Rock, carriages were in waiting for the special party, and every street was lined with people, white and black. It was the greatest scene in the history of the Negro Business League, of which Dr. Washington is president.

A great ovation was given when he arose to deliver the principal address of welcome on behalf of the State of Arkansas to the National Negro Business League, and an overwhelming tribute to Booker T. Washington, leader of the Negro race, when he assumed the gavel, were the features of the opening session of the twelfth annual meeting of the National Negro Business League. The present session of the league came to Little Rock after the insistent work of the Arkansas delegation at the last meeting in New York City, backed by strong letters of invitation from the Governor of the State, the Mayor of Little Rock, the State Superintendent of Public Instruction and the president of the Board of Trade. Other welcome addresses were made by prominent Negroes of the city, and by Dr. E. C. Morris, president of the National Baptist Convention, from Helena.

In his address Governor Donaghey paid a high tribute to the progress made by the Negro people, stressing the principles taught by Booker Washington as those best calculated to work the Negro's salvation. Industry, thrift, money getting, together with the same faithfulness and honest attention to trust that characterized the forefathers of the race were emphasized. His every utterance was cheered, so that it was almost impossible for him to proceed.



That his presence and cordial words of advice, greeting and welcome, indicative of the heartfelt sympathy of the best white men in the South, was appreciated by the big audience of Northern, Eastern and Southern Negroes was evident by the tremendous reception he received.

While waiting for the program to begin an audience of nearly 1,000 persons who had gathered early in order to get seats of vantage, entertained themselves by singing "America," "The Star-Spangled Banner," "Nearer My God, to Thee," led by Dr. L. W. W. Manaway, of Jackson, Miss. The program was delayed a little by the meeting of the national executive committee.

Prayer was offered by Rev. J. D. Robinson, pastor of the First Baptist (Negro) Church of Little Rock.

What the Negro has done for himself in the way of real progress is shown in the National Negro Business League, which opened this morning in the Kemper Theater, and will continue in session until Friday.

This organization has brought to the city Negroes from almost every State in the Union, representing every line of business, trade, profession and labor followed by the Negro himself. Doctors, lawyers, merchants, editors, funeral directors, real estate agents and dealers, contractors and builders, architects, bankers, barbers, waiters, farmers, blacksmiths, college presidents, heads of fraternal organizations with their secretaries, presidents, secretaries and managers of insurance companies, are all exchanging ideas on "How to do business," telling their struggles and how they have made either success or failure.

At the head of the organization is the wizard of the Negro race, Dr. Booker T. Washington, who himself represents what a man with industry, honesty and thrift can do for himself. Be it remembered that Washington had to dig his way out. He was born a slave in Virginia, walked over a hundred miles in order to get to work his way through school, and then was

employed as one of the instructors in Hampton Institute, where he worked out his own education. Then getting a start, he went into the black belt of Alabama, organized Tuskegee Institute, and out of that organization has grown the greatest institution in the world for the training of Negroes and at the same time the foremost Negro in the world. Washington not only made the school great, but at the same time he made himself.

In order to be of help to his race he called together the men of thought, the conservative men, some years ago, and out of that meeting has grown the National Negro Business League. He is at the head. He was the first president and has been unanimously elected to the position every year since, and associated with him are the Negroes who stand for something.

Charles Banks, of the Bank of Mound Bayou, Mound Bayou, Miss., the recognized leader of his race in Mississippi, and who has been termed the Booker T. Washington of his State, is the first vice president of the league. His work has stood the test, and step by step he has made his way to the front.

Emmett J. Scott is the corresponding secretary, and he, like Dr. Washington, has held the position since the organization of the league. He is the executive secretary of Dr. Washington, standing right by his side. No man in the country knows as much about Dr. Booker T. Washington as Scott. He is a trained newspaper reporter on the Houston Post. He is a graduate from Wiley University. These and many others make up the National Negro Business League.

Booker T. Washington, leader of the Negro race, and head of many of their activities looking to the betterment of the race, was unanimously elected president of the National Negro Business League for the twelfth time this morning at the closing session. A large audience witnessed the closing exercises, at which reports were made from the State leagues and the auxiliaries.

The other officers elected are first vice president, Charles Banks, Mississippi; second vice president, J. E. Bush, Arkansas; third vice president, Harry T. Pratt, Maryland; fourth vice president, S. G. Elbert, Delaware; fifth vice president, D. J. Turner, Oklahoma; corresponding secretary, Emmett J. Scott, Tuskegee Institute, Alabama; treasurer, Gilbert C. Harris, Massachusetts; registrar, F. H. Gilbert, New York; assistant registrar, R. C. Houston, Texas; transportation agent, Cyrus Field Adams, Illinois; compiler, S. Laing Williams, Illinois; official stenographer, William H. Davis, Washington, D. C.

The Executive Committee—J. C. Napier, chairman, Tennessee; Scipio A. Jones, Arkansas; S. E. Courtney, Boston, Mass.; W. C. Gordon, Missouri; George C. Hall, Illinois; R. E. Jones, Louisiana; T. H. Hays, Tennessee; W. T. Andrews, South Carolina; J. B. Bell, Texas; J. C. Jackson, Kentucky; M. M. Lewey, Florida; T. J. Elliott, Oklahoma; S. A. Furniss, Indiana; J. C. Thomas, New York.

The following resolutions were adopted today:

"The National Negro Business League, in twelfth annual session assembled, finds many things for which the race and the country may well rejoice. The movement among the Negroes of this country to buy land, establish commercial institutions, schools and other organizations, which are growing stronger each year. The race has recognized the truth that the standard by which it is to be measured in its permanent place is that which has been applied to all other elements which enter into our common citizenship.

"Having by reason of past conditions been deprived of capital training and opportunity to enter the field of manufacture, transportation and commerce, we necessarily turn our

attention almost exclusively to agriculture. But now under the stimulus of this organization we are starting upon the more expanded economic stage so necessary to our full development.

"We find that since our last session more banks have been started, more commercial enterprises and stores opened, and more manufactories begun than any other single year in our history. We believe that the ownership of land, the acquisition of an education, particularly the common school and vocational education, the improvement of the home, both as to its appearance and the inner life and loyalty to the teachings of Christ are the foundations upon which civilization is to be built.

"We urge with all the emphasis at our command that our people buy land. Buy it now, get ready for even sooner than we may expect this door of opportunity may be closed. \* \* \*

### BOOKER T. QUILTS STATE.

Negro Educator Entertained by Negroes at Forrest City.

Forrest City, Ark., Aug. 20. Booker T. Washington's triumphal tour of Arkansas came to a close today in this city, and at Madison. The Washington party, which was made up of Booker T. Washington, E. J. Scott and N. Hunt, of Tuskegee, Ala.; J. C. Napier, Register of the Treasury, Washington, D. C.; S. Laing Williams, United States District Attorney, Chicago; F. H. Gilbert, Brooklyn, N. Y.; William Alexander, Grand Master, Mosaic Templars, Little Rock; Dr. W. R. Pettiford, Birmingham, Ala.; S. A. McKisson, Grand Master of the Colored Odd Fellows' lodge, Holly Springs, Miss.; Spencer Patterson, St. Dennis, Md.; Prof. Mando, New York; C. J. Jones, Trenton, N. J.; Drs. Monney and Barravan, of Marianna, were met by a brass band upon its arrival here at 12:30 o'clock, and the procession, taken up from this city to Madison, covered more than a mile. At the latter place Washington's party

was entertained at the home of Scott Bond for dinner, after which Washington spoke to about 7,000 or 8,000 people, there being about 500 white people in attendance at a barbecue given in his honor. Washington was given an ovation upon his arrival at the speaker's stand at 3:30 o'clock, at which time he made a back-to-the-farm speech that lasted about an hour and thirty minutes.

### DR. A. M. CURTIS SPEAKS.

Miss M. A. Allen's Great Work.

The National Association of Colored Graduate Nurses, held its fourth annual convention at Lincoln Temple Church August 15, 16 and 17. Dr. W. H. Warfield, surgeon-in-chief of Freedman's Hospital, delivered the welcome address. Mrs. G. E. Voorhes, of Philadelphia, responded. Dr. A. M. Curtis delivered an address on the "Relationship of Nurses to Physicians." This was followed by an address by Mr. H. H. Middleton, of Charleston, S. C., on "The Woman at the Wheel." The most important business transacted Tuesday afternoon was the election of officers. Mrs. M. R. Tucker, of Philadelphia, presided. Miss C. S. Rhone, matron of the National Religious Training School, of Durham, N. C., is secretary.

A musical was given at the church Tuesday evening under the direction of Miss M. H. Allen, R. W., of this city. Mrs. Eva Smith gave a lecture on "A Trip Abroad."

Wednesday morning papers were read by Miss M. H. Clarke, on diseases of infants. Another paper on feeding the sick, by Miss L. Hargrove. Miss J. Latta and Mrs. L. P. Taylor also read papers. A long discussion on methods for fighting tuberculosis was led by Miss Brown, of Philadelphia. Wednesday the delegates were given an automobile sight-seeing ride. The following officers were elected:

President, Miss M. F. Clarke, of Richmond, Va.; first vice president, Miss M. A. Allen, of Washington, D.

C.; second vice president, Miss M. S. Christie, of New York; recording secretary, Miss C. S. Rhone, of Newbern, N. C.; corresponding secretary, Miss G. T. Watkins, of New York; treasurer, Miss M. R. Tucker, of Philadelphia. Mrs. Rosa Williams, of New York, was elected delegate to attend the international convention of nurses which meets in Germany next May.

A reception was given to the visitors by the nurses of this city last night, from 8 A. M. until 2 P. M. Yesterday morning a visit was paid Freedman's Hospital. A clinic was given by the surgeon in charge, and an inspection of the institution was made. Refreshments were served.

There was a discussion of the topic, "How Can the Association be Made Beneficial to Its Members?" at the session, led by Miss Williams, superintendent of the Nurses' Training School, Richmond Hospital, Richmond, Va. Plans for aiding the association in this respect were outlined.

A paper was read by Miss M. J. Jones, president of the Nurses' Alumni Association of this city, on "The Business Side of a Nurse's Life." "Nurses' Duties to Each Other" were outlined in a paper by Miss F. Fordham.

A discussion of the subject, "Where Shall We Establish a National Directory?" was led by Miss Ada B. Samuels, assistant superintendent of the Nurses' Training School, Lincoln Hospital, New York City. Mrs. A. M. Curtis made an address.

The reception given by the Nurses' Association of Washington was largely attended. Refreshments were served.

Resolutions were offered the citizens for kind welcome and hospitality, and Miss M. A. Allen, chairman of the committee on arrangements, and Mrs. Frazier, 918 T Street Northwest, for the use of her home as headquarters for the visiting nurses.

Thus ended the most successful convention of the National Association of Colored Graduate Nurses.

Next convention to be held in Richmond, Va., August, 1912.

Miss M. A. Allen, chairman of the committee, deserves great credit for the manner in which she managed the affair. She is one of the most accomplished nurses in the United States. She is a most pleasing and energetic lady, who is popular with the people.

### Dr. Corrothers.

Dr. S. S. Corrothers, one of the best known pastors in the country, has just returned to the city from the South. He will leave next week for Boston, Mass., where he is booked to speak, and he will also attend the meeting of the National Independent Political League, which is to meet there. Dr. Corrothers, in speaking of other matters to a representative of The Bee, stated he was opposed to the coming baseball game to be played in this city on the Sabbath, between two colored clubs. He thought that the morals of some people were bad enough without making them worse.

There is no man connected with the A. M. E. Zion Church any more popular than Dr. Corrothers. There is a decided sentiment in this connection in his favor for Bishop.

### A Taft Meeting

The Republicans of this city are arranging for a Taft Republican meeting. Prominent men have been selected to speak. Full particulars later.

### Lawyers Organized.

Little Rock, Ark., Aug. 18. A National Negro Bar Association was organized here today. J. T. Settle, of Memphis, Tenn., was elected president.

Also a Negro Bankers' Association was organized, by the election of W. R. Pettiford, of Birmingham, Ala., as president.

## PARAGRAPHIC NEWS

Important News Happenings of the Week

DEVOTED TO GENERAL INTEREST

(By Miss G. B. Maxfield.)

President of Liberia, Arthur Barclay, has conferred upon the Hon. Emmett J. Scott, of Tuskegee Institute, and Dr. George Sale, of Atlanta, Ga., the order of "Knight Commander of African Redemption," and Bishop I. B. Scott is to represent President Barclay in making the formal presentation.

In order to ascertain the speed at which a commercial message could be sent around the world by cable, the New York Times filed a dispatch at 7 o'clock, and a reply was received at 7:16.30 P. M. The time occupied in the journey of 28,613 land miles was 16 minutes and 30 seconds.

Patent medicines made in the United States and worth \$2,000,000, were consumed abroad last year. Within the last ten years trade has increased abroad to \$50,000,000.

An examination of the cold storage warehouses in New York City, shows that the extent of this industry is greater than ever before. In twelve storage houses alone more than 7,300,000 pounds of poultry and meat, 4,500,000 pounds of fish, 2,000,000 pounds of cheese, 6,000,000 pounds of butter, and 500,000 cases of eggs were found.

Mrs. Sarah Karty, of Ithaca, N. Y., celebrated her 95th birthday last week. She has read the Bible 260 times.

All hotels in Denver, Okla., refused to admit the colored visitors, who were there attending the convention of colored men to discuss conditions for improving the status of the colored men in America.

Col. W. S. Rogers, 62 years of age, ex-State fire marshal, former head of the G. A. R., and at one time a member of the Illinois Legislature, died at his home in Cleveland, Ohio, last week.

Beulah Binford, the "other woman" in the Beattie case in Richmond, Va., will be the central figure in a series of moving pictures. She has already contracted with a firm in this city.

Mme. Jane Narvo won last week the aero championship trophy by a flight of 63 miles in one hour and fifteen minutes.

Miss Ghodsea Khanoum is said to be the first Persian woman to come to this country to be educated. Until she left her native home a few weeks ago to attend the annual meeting of the Persian Educational Society, no man had ever seen her face. Miss Khanoum will enter the University of Chicago in the fall.

There are several cases of Pellagra now in Kentucky. There was one death last week.

The University of Pennsylvania has conferred upon Dr. R. R. Wright, editor of the Christian Recorder, the degree of Ph. D.

In Little Rock, Ark., one of our exchanges "Our Review," has gotten out a daily edition which is certainly creditable to the race.

It is reported that John D. Rockefeller has given another \$1,000,000 for medical research.

William M. Davidson, Superintendent of Public Schools in this city, has announced that the schools will open September 18.

According to information at the State Department, 62 Chinese students from Shanghai and Peking are coming to the United States to study.

The State of Connecticut will erect in Canterbury a monument to Prudence Crandall, who, preceding the civil war, founded a school for colored children. She was also a leader in aiding slaves to secure their freedom by the underground route.

Gen. Leconte, the newly elected president of Hayti, seems to be meeting the hearty approval of the people.

Several weeks ago the largest vessel in the world and the largest one ever built, entered New York harbor. It is 882.5 feet long, with a displacement of 66,000 tons, and is driven by engines of 30,000 horsepower.

A money order convention has been entered into between the Philippine Government and Japan, and shortly will be signed.

Mr. Davidson, the Superintendent of Public Schools in this city, has announced that school will open September 18th. He also says there will be a great deal of shifting among the teachers, but no radical changes will be made.

Sister Mary Alida, a real princess in the garb of a nun, is in New York, en route to Hawaii, where she will enter upon her duties in a convent. Her mother, a princess only two steps removed from the Hawaiian throne, married a wealthy Chinaman, Wang Leong. Their daughter decided to go into the church. She is a talented musician and artist, and speaks eight languages.

Mrs. Shiver and her mother, Mrs. Eva Reddon, of Springfield, Ohio, were given a dinner at Martins Boulevard Cafe Saturday afternoon by Mr. W. Calvin Chase. Mrs. Shiver and her mother were visiting in the city. Mrs. Shiver makes her home at Durham, N. C. They were given a drive around the speedway. Mrs. Shiver left for Baltimore, Md., Friday noon, and her mother left for her

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